

# SATURDAY GAZETTE, JULY 25.

## Saturday Gazette.

Bloomfield and Montclair, N. J.  
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### "HEAR THE OTHER SIDE."

**REPLY OF MASON LOOMIS TO JULIUS H. PRATT.**—This is the title of a printed pamphlet of 32 pages which we received by post last evening, and which has probably been largely circulated.

It purports to be a reply to Mr. Pratt's statement made to a called meeting of subscribers to the Montclair Depot fund and which at Mr. Pratt's request was published in the GAZETTE of June 20th, without any endorsement or comment of ours.

We have read Mr. Loomis' pamphlet attentively, and feel obliged to say that its evident vindictiveness detracts greatly from the force of its statements. The writer is so intent on venting his spleen against Mr. Pratt that he fails to win our sympathy for his efforts or our unquestioning confidence in his averments. He seems to labor more to relieve himself from some fervid heart-burnings which he cannot extinguish, than to present the simple truth for his readers to contemplate.

Perhaps we ought to say here that personally we have no partisan feelings in the argument. Our sympathies are not involved with either contestant. Our position is untrammelled and independent. We now refer to the controversy as a dutiful journalist in the interest of truth, purity and peace. We do not undertake to adjudicate the facts. They are pretty generally known, or at all events could be stated in a comparatively few sentences, and sufficiently established by corroborative testimony of two or three reliable witnesses, or written proofs. But when Mr. Loomis seeks to avenge his grievance by spitting venom at the offender, by using abusive and opprobrious terms against a fellow-citizen, by holding up to public vituperation a respectable and intelligent member of our community, we can but express our regrets at the un wisdom of his method of exhibiting his personal animosity. It is very likely to recoil to his own discredit. It cannot fail to disturb the harmony and peace of our society and prejudice injuriously the minds and hearts of our children, to an extent which the whole cost of the Depot or even of the entire Road would not adequately measure.

We have also a word for Mr. Pratt. He has doubtless made a great mistake in permitting his petty private interest to place him in antagonism to the vastly greater interest of the whole community of which he is only perhaps one ten thousandth part. He may think that his grievance was an aggravated one, that his claim was just and that he had no other way to obtain his rights. *Better have lost his \$8,000 altogether.* We are sorry that he is so persistent on this point. He will yet find that there is a better way and wish that he had taken it. None of us can afford to lose sight of the wisdom of one who could not err when he said—"BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS."

### PERSONAL.

Mrs. Amzi Dodd and her daughter, Miss Louisa, sailed in the Cunard steamer *Algeria* on Saturday morning last, the 18th inst. They go directly to Leamington, a watering place in the centre of England, where they expect to spend several weeks, and afterwards under suitable arrangements for that purpose to visit Scotland and Ireland and perhaps some parts of the Continent. Though unaccompanied by the Vice Chancellor, whose official duties detain him here, they go out under circumstances of the most favorable kind for safety and enjoyment. Mr. Robert Dodd, son of Mr. M. W. Dodd, accompanies them as far as Queenstown, where he will land, for a trip through Ireland and thence to London, returning to this country in September.

Leamington is a noted and beautiful town in Warwickshire much resorted to by the English people and by foreigners in pursuit of health or pleasure. In its immediate vicinity are the famous Castles of Warwick and Kenilworth—the latter the scene of one of Scott's splendid romances—and also Stratford-on-Avon, the birthplace of Shakespeare. The surrounding country is the garden of England, and the rides and walks in which it abounds are celebrated for their attractiveness. We cordially join with their large number of friends in wishing the tourists all possible happiness and benefits from their trip, and a safe return home.

Mr. John P. Gross has resigned his position as Principal of the Public School in Montclair to accept of an appointment as Superintendent of Schools in the City of Plainfield. Mr. Gross has labored very assiduously and successfully to elevate the standard of public school education in Montclair; in which he has ever been encouraged and supported by a board of liberal and zealous trustees, who have not been fettered by crotchettes or theories, or "former usages," and by a most intelligent and appreciative community. Mr. Gross has exhibited a devotion, *œcumene*, to his high calling and an executive talent which in combination with the necessary and invaluable aid referred to, has placed the Montclair Public School at the head of the public schools of our State. Mr. Gross leaves for his new and larger sphere of professional labor with the best wishes of our community for his happiness and success.

**MONTCLAIR RAILWAY.**—According to announcement in our last issue, passenger cars were run on this road last Monday morning, but to meet with another trouble at the lower end. It seems that the road cannot be operated without using a short road, probably unknown to the public, called the "Hudson Connecting Railway."

As President of the Hudson Connecting Railway Company, I owe a duty to the bondholders of that company which I cannot ignore, and that is to exact from parties using the road some equivalent which may apply towards the payment of interest on its bonds. The bonds are held by innocent purchasers who are entitled to any legitimate income that can be realized from the road. And while it cannot be expected that the operators of the Montclair Road can at present pay more than a nominal rent, it would be culpable on my part to neglect to demand a recognition of the right of the Hudson Connecting Railway Co., and that too without delay. The immediate cause of the present obstruction grows out of the fact that a change of the track is being made to enable the D. L. & W. Co. to construct their new line at West End, for which privilege they have already paid, and to which they are entitled. No notice has been given to any officer of the Hudson Connecting Railway Co. by the parties now proposing to operate the Montclair road, of any intention or desire to use the Hudson Connecting road; and the fact that the change of our track necessary to be made, was on Monday last in actual progress, cannot be urged as an act unfriendly to the public. The co-incidence may lead to a recognition of sacred rights which ought to be respected, or at least to a definition of what rights, if any, are to be enjoyed, and for that purpose no better time than the present is likely to occur.

J. H. PRATT, President of the Hudson Connecting Railway Co., 111 Broadway, N. Y. N. Y. July 21st.

At the close of this statement, Mr. Pratt informed the meeting that Mr. Hewitt, the Receiver of the Montclair Railway, had negotiated this week with the Hudson Connecting Railway Company, and secured the removal of any obstruction on their part to the running of the Montclair trains over the track of that Company. This announcement was received with much approbation and the meeting adjourned without any definite action.

### POOR CHICAGO!

Another great conflagration visited the Metropolis of the Lakes last week. This time it was confined chiefly to a district of poorer habitations and extended over eighteen blocks with alarming rapidity. The total loss is little short of \$4,000,000, of which only about one million was covered by insurance.

Sympathy and contributions were promptly offered at the east, but aid was courteously declined, as it was deemed that the sufferers could get along without outside assistance.

Chicago is destined to be one of the great and noble cities of the world. She will be solidified by these providential tribulations, and may take courage from the saying of an ancient worthy. "When He hath tried me I shall come forth as gold."

### THE COLLEGE REGATTA.

PRINCETON won the Freshman race at Rutgers Good for New Jersey!

YALE was victor in the single scull race. She also won in the Base Ball match and in two of the Running races. Creditable for New Haven!

### NEW JERSEYDOM.

**STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**—The next annual exhibition of the State Agricultural Society will be held at Waverly, beginning on Monday, September 14th, and continuing until Saturday afternoon. Heretofore it has been the custom to open on Tuesday and close Friday night, but the Executive Committee have decided to keep open the whole week this year.

Rev. I. P. Brokaw, lately pastor of the East Reformed Church, Newark, has accepted the oversight of the Reformed church at Claremont, Hudson county, New Jersey.

The Hackensack River, which runs through Hudson and Bergen Counties, has been stocked with Planoboth salmon, California black bass, and salmon trout. Fishing in the river is prohibited by law for 3 years.

Henry Overton and Stephen Richard rescued two ladies from drowning at Ocean Grove, last week. All were sojourners on the camp ground. A sail boat containing the ladies capsized, and the above named gentlemen swam to their rescue.

Hackettstown Seminary is getting in readiness for its opening in September. It is to be lighted with gas, and will have a clock and a bell.

A manual of Denville Camp Ground, containing charter, history, by-laws, resolutions, names of lot owners and general information, has been published by the trustees.

The corner-stone of a new Presbyterian church in Caldwell was laid Thursday, with appropriate ceremonies. Rev. Charles T. Berry, the pastor, officiated, and he was assisted by several clergymen.

**NEWARK LOSSES BY THE CHICAGO FIRE.**—From the publish report the following Newark and New Jersey insurance companies were losers by the recent terrible conflagration in Chicago: American Mutual, \$7,500; Citizens, \$9,000; Humboldt, \$10,000; Merchants, \$20,000; Millville Mutual, \$26,000; New Jersey Fire and Marine, \$25,000; People's, \$6,500.

**MUCH IN TELEGRAPH.**—A wonderful invention in telegraphy has been made recently by Mr. Elisha Gray of Chicago by which musical sounds and tunes may be clearly transmitted for 2,400 miles.

The Finance Committee reported that the erection of section one of the proposed

## HOME MATTERS.

### BLOOMFIELD.

#### WEATHER CHRONICLE.

Range of Thermometer at Bloomfield Centre

July 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

At 6 A. M. 75° 64° 59° 66° 66° 70° 64°

At Noon 87° 78° 82° 87° 88° 71° 70°

At 9 P. M. 71° 65° 70° 71° 73° 66° 64°

### LIST OF LETTERS

REMAINING UNCLAIMED at the Post Office in Bloomfield, N. J., July 22, 1874.

Acorn, Leates Mellor, Isaiah Neil Patrick

Holmes, James Peckham Frank L.

Herman, Margaret Price, Miss Emma C.

James, Sarah Price, Mrs. George

Kenedy, Margaret Peter, James F.

Krach, Karl Rose, Maggie Rine, Miss Annie

Lyon, Celia Skelly, Margaret Schaefer, Harry

Lawrence, Mrs. Eliza Vining, Jessie

Manly, Thomas Weintraub, Nicholas

Moran, Michael Ward, Michael Martin, Mr. William

Any person calling for the above letters will please say "Advertised." H. DODD, P. M.

### POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Postage on all newspapers published within the County by the new Postage Law, is free, one copy to each subscriber.

Postage on country papers collected July 1st, 1874, will be refunded to subscribers.

H. DODD, P. M.

Bloomfield, N. J. July 20, 1874.

UNION TRACT SOCIETY OF BLOOMFIELD.—Held a quarterly meeting on Sunday evening last in the Methodist Church, the other uniting churches being closed for the evening. The place was filled to its utmost capacity, and many left before the services as the accommodations were not equal to the demand. All that remained were uncomfortably crowded. Doubtless many were deterred from attending on account of the inadequacy of the room. We allude to this circumstance for the sake of suggesting the inquiry if it would not be far better on all such occasions, when a union service is to be held, for the whole village to appoint it at the largest church in town, which would certainly seat twice or three times as many as the one occupied on this evening.

Rev. Dr. Kennedy, President of the Society, occupied the chair, and proved his executive ability by the tact and energy with which he conducted the exercises.

The chief subject on this occasion was the important work now undertaken by the Society of seeing that Bibles are placed in every home that is found destitute of God's Word, and that opportunity be afforded to all who may desire it to furnish themselves with a personal copy of the Holy Scriptures in such style as may please their individual taste, and at the low cost price of the American Bible Society's schedule. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Kennedy of Westminster church, Rev. Dr. Harris, (Baptist) of Jersey City, Rev. Dr. Seibert, of the German Theological School, Rev. H. Spillmeyer of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Henry W. Ballantine, the new pastor of the Presbyterian church. The singing at different times was an enlivening feature of the evening. The large audience were easily held by the interest of the occasion and the excellence of the speeches, till the closing benediction dismissed them, well pleased, to their homes.

There are 606 children in this school district (No. 8) between the ages of 5 and 18 being an increase of 60 over the census of 1873.

TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE.—The property on the old road adjoining the Presbyterian parsonage was sold on Wednesday last at auction. W. L. Doreus was the purchaser. The lot is 140x250.

METHODIST CHURCH.—Rev. Mr. Morgan occupied the pulpit last Sabbath with much acceptability.

For the Saturday Gazette.

### CATHOLIC CHURCH.

We are happy to announce that the trustees have been so fortunate as to engage as successor to Mr. Gross, for their principal in the public school, RANDALL SPAULDING, A. M. of Hartford, Conn.

Mr. Spaulding is a graduate of Yale College with four years experience as principal of the high school at Rockville Conn.

He has also had the advantage of European travel and of one year as student at Heidelberg. Mr. Spaulding will enter upon his new responsibilities under the most propitious conditions for success.

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CHURCH MUSIC.

The first church music printed in New

England is said to have been printed in 1609, which in 1698 was followed by a

collection of thirteen tunes. This is the

earliest collection that has been preserved.

The first organ in the country was built in King's Chapel, in 1718, and was a very

simple, unpretentious instrument, though

at that time supposed to be the next

to a brass band. It was allowed to remain

boxed up some six or seven months, but

when erected created a great sensation. It

is said that a good sister classed it as "A

pretty box of whistles, but an awful way

to spend the summer!"

The practice of lining, or as it was then

termed "desecring" out the hymns was

discontinued about the time of the Revolu-

tion. On one occasion a sturdy deacon,

who did not propose to be blinded, continued

to line while the choir sang. He was

compelled to desist, however, and left the

sacristy in tears, for which act he was

afterwards severely chastised by his church.

A shrewd brother turned the laugh on

the choir once by waiting until they had

finished; then, lining the hymn, he said:

"The world's people have sing, now let

the Lord's people sing." The organ was

preceded by the bass viol and other

stringed instruments, which were them-

selves preceded by the tuning fork, still

used in many country churches. The

tuning fork supplanted the useful but

rather shrill pitch pipe.

As might be supposed the bass viol was

at first regarded by many as the sounding

board of the infernal regions. After its

introduction a chorister took the lines:

"Oh may my heart in tune be found,

Like David's sacred violin."

to his pastor, suggesting that as they were

using a violin instead of a harp it would